Fourthly, the Karakal *thodu* was another long pending request of the people. The P. W. D. and the Revenue authorities could not meet and settle the boundary line and that was a serious handicap to the progress of the work. The department had estimated Rs. 3,000 for the work, while the Member offered to carry it out for Rs. 2,000, which had been accepted by Government.

In regard to the Thiruvalla-Mallapalli road, the Member had received a letter from the local P. W. D. authorities saying that they had not understood the position of the road. It should also be carried out as early as possible. It was only 8 miles long. The present was the best time to cut the road. A surveyor should be deputed to survey the line of the road.

Another requirement that had been brought up several times was the condition of the Thiruvalla-Mavelikara road where five bridges had to be constructed. One at least might be finished each year. If the road could be provided with the five bridges, the distance from Mavelikara to Thiruvalla could be reduced by 5 miles.

Regarding the condition of the village roads in the town of Thiruvalla, the Member submitted that the cost of maintenance was Rs. 17 per mile. He regretted to state that no money was being spent at all out of the maintenance funds with the result that all the village roads were in a most deplorable state. The Member requested that either the funds might be transferred to the T. I. C. or entrusted to the people.

Dewan's reply.—In regard to the Thondara bridge, action is being taken to proceed with the reconstruction of the bridge as early as practicable. There is no idea of a temporary bridge. Orders will issue for the removal of the mud-bank complained of by the Member. Arrangements will be made for the settlement of the line of the Karakal *thodu* as also for the survey of the line for the Thiruvalla-Mallapalli road. The other points in the Member's representation will also receive attention.

78. Means of communication in the eastern *pakuthies* of the Thiruvalla taluk with special reference to (1) Poovanakadavu—Cherukolpuzha road, (2) Puramattam—Mallapalli road, (3) Mallapalli road and (4) the road from Nedumkunnam Church to Anikad in Kallupara *pakuthi*.

Mr. K. Govinda Pillai (Member, Thiruvalla taluk) submitted that many representations had been made before about the first road and that lands had been acquired for 3 miles. The land acquisition proceedings had to be closed for 4 miles more. The people had done the work over 3 miles which should be maintained by Government. In regard to the second road, the Member said that it was opened by the Dewan. It should be made useful for cart traffic and maintained by the P. W. D. The necessity for item No. 3, *i. e.*, the Mallapalli road, was pressed and the Member added that for the last few years there had been no maintenance at all. Out of Rs. 900, not one cash was being spent. If the boulder of rock in that road be removed and the maintenance carried out properly every year, the road would be very useful. Lastly, the road from Nedumkunnam Church to Anikad in Kallupara *pakuthi* was very useful and should be maintained by the P. W. D. No culverts or bridges were necessary.

Dewan's reply.—A sum of Rs. 57,600 has been sanctioned for the first road and Rs. 10,000 allotted for this year. Two sections of the second road have been taken up by the P. W. D. and the Chief Engineer has been asked to report whether the remaining section could not be also taken over. The other points in the Member's representation are noted.

79. Means of communication in the Thiruvalla taluk.

Mr. V. S. Krishna Pillai (Member, Thiruvalla taluk) endorsed the representations already made on the subject of means of communication in the Thiruvalla taluk and observed that no other part of Travancore was so much in need as their taluk. He only referred to the complaints made already and requested that early action might be taken to relieve their sufferings. He then spoke about the need for the improvement of the Thiruvalla—Mepral road, which had been favourably reported upon by their Dewan Peishkar (the late Mr. Mahadeva Iyer) and included in the P.W. programme. He also pressed on the attention of Government the necessity of putting

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